

Let's Talk It Over

NOT the least astonishing development of this war world is the freedom of the air which the Allies have secured over almost all of the earth's surface. This is exemplified by the King's visit to North Africa, news of which must have exasperated our enemies no less than it heartened us. The King and Queen, and even King George chose to convey the country's thanks personally to the gallant troops of the First and Eighth Armies. But the Germans must be furious to realise their impotence to prevent such kind of gesture.

Hitler travels from time to time, though with decreasing frequency, to Berlin or Munich, but he is at present in his own "fortress".

The American Chiefs of Staff have no such limitations. Roosevelt and Churchill can meet at Casablanca or Washington when they choose.

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THE news announced yesterday by Field-Marshal Archibald Wavell to the press that this was to be the new Victory of India comes as a welcome relief to the general public in this country, and, perhaps, to many of our friends abroad.

For many of us emigres here have been awaiting the day when our cause would be vindicated. Already they are beginning to compare their present strength with that of the Free French.

But the war seems to have made no progress in Germany. And we are trying it now with a

W. R. CHURCHILL, refusing to commit himself to the war, said:

"I am not yet in a position to say whether our cause will be vindicated."

He was referring to the

possibility of a distinguished soldier who is also a fine economist like Wavell astounded Stalin by

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"Combined Operations" are the key to the coming Allied invasion. Here our picture shows a Valentine Tank coming ashore from a new British landing craft.

proposing a victory boast in flattery, he may astound many.

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SINCE the occupation of Italy's smaller Mediterranean islands, the world has been living in breathless expectancy of the coming storm. It is now in full swing.

Even in this period of final victory, some nerves are strained by the increasing suspense.

For many of our enemies there is no room for safety in their

own frontiers, and the German

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German Wives Write About Raids

'WE ARE DYING OF FEAR'

DUTCH MOCK Cities Are Now Like Battlefields

GERMAN soldiers, fighting on the battlefields of Russia, are gradually learning the truth about the devastating RAF raids on their home towns.

Letters from their wives and girlfriends have been reaching the Nazi censors and are telling the men in the front line what Germany really looks like.

But the Germans have never seen the devastation for themselves.

They have died on the battlefield and their pockets by the Russians.

There are some extracts from letters written from Moscow:

BERLIN. "You can well think we're in Stalingrad. The western part reminds one of the front. Here there are streets where not a single house has escaped destruction."

MOSCOW. "It looks like a battlefield. There is no trace left of the Ludwigsstrasse."

HAMBURG. "Some districts are under water. It is like walking among an immense vacant lot."

NUREMBERG. "They brought us news of the raids on Berlin, a heap of ruins instead of a city."

OUR PRIDE DESTROYED

STUTTGART. "Our pride, the railway station, has been destroyed. All the Italian planes responded to the country's interests."

MUNICH. "We live mainly in shelters and are dying of fear."

DORTMUND. "The town is full of rubble to smother us. The centre has been almost completely demolished."

DUSSELDORF. "It was sheer extermination. In many cases not a single house remains standing. The factories . . . Anyway, there wouldn't be enough paper to write on."

COLOGNE. "It is more a matter of a city than a town."

ESSEN. "I saw Russian cities on the radio. Now it is the same here."

DUISBURG. "The town looks like the last days of Pompeii."

BREMEN. "There are a few streets which have escaped destruction, but the rest is rubble. That is all."

FRANKFURT. "There are unbearable scenes of destruction."

BU.P.

NORWAY TANKER 'KILLS' U-BOAT

An enemy U-boat was probably destroyed by a Norwegian tanker in mid-Atlantic recently.

A Norwegian tanker attacked a convoy and torpedoed and set on fire a merchant ship. The tanker then opened up with all its guns, sank the second ship hitting the U-boat just broadside.

Other ships saw a Norwegian Government announcement, were surprised to find as she sailed, a gall of heavy smoke was left over the spot.

The radio said that the U-boat was described as the "city of death." The raid devastated there.

That worse is to follow was indicated yesterday by Air Vice-Marshal Bowes-Lyon, who said:

"Our bombers" he said, "are doing great service in the war. They are hitting the vital industries of the Axis and lines of communication will be destroyed."

Afterwards he again advised the Italian people to get out of the country.

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He also said that the U-boat was very severely damaged.

Elsewhere is so much industrial damage that it will take some time to make a complete assessment.

Dusseldorf is a most important transport centre both for land and river traffic. The two largest inland ports, and many dock buildings, were hit in the raid.

Railway damage is severe. The main shed and locomotive building yard have been burnt out.

The main railway station, heavily damaged last summer, was again hit. Damage to Osnabrück goods yards has had many buildings gutted.

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